REMARKS

Applicants are updating the priority claim to reflect the United States Patent which has now issued from the parent application. Applicants are also amending the specification to incorporate drawing sheets that were inadvertently left out from the submission of the instant divisional application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 10, 2003 but were included in the priority cases to which the instant application pertains.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither of these amendments constitute the introduction of new matter in contravention of 35 U.S.C. §132.

The instant application is a divisional application of serial number 09/804,369 filed March 12, 2001, issued as United States Patent No. 6,630,126, which is based on United States provisional patent application number 60/189,072, filed March 13, 2000, the entire disclosure of which has been incorporated by reference.

These priority applications each contain Figures 10I-10P and 11, i.e. the same three drawing sheets Applicants wish entered into the instant application with the Preliminary Amendment concurrently filed herewith. As the instant application claims benefit of priority to the underlying applications and the disclosure thereof was incorporated by reference into the instant application, Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings were clearly received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as of the filing date of the instant application. Applicants further submit that the drawings are clearly supported by the specification and reflect the results of practicing the methods fully described thereby.

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In view of the amendments and remarks hereinabove, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for examination. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

Should the Office have any questions with respect to the foregoing, please contact Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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